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Case No. 115/434

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

FAHS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/481,451

Filed: January 11, 2000

For: ROLLER MANIFOLD FOR
FORMING A CONTINUOUS
SHEET OF VISCOUS
MATERIAL

Examiner: Thu Khanh T. Nguyen

Group Art Unit: 1722

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 11, 2001 and prior to the examination of this application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims, Please Amend Claims 1 And 7 As Follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for forming a continuous sheet from a molten, viscous material comprising:
- a pump connected to an inlet to pump said molten, viscous material under pressure;
 - a discharge manifold, said manifold having a hollow interior chamber, said chamber having at least one inlet for receiving said molten, viscous material from said pump and a discharge opening on at least one side for discharging said molten, viscous material, and a roller;
 - a casting line positioned downstream of said discharge manifold and comprising an endless casting belt that transports said molten, viscous material upon said casting belt;

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